

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND MEETING



## DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED EAST LOS ANGELES NEW HIGH SCHOOL NO. 2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** June 17, 2005 – July 18, 2005

**PUBLIC MEETING:** June 29, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Belvedere Middle School Auditorium

312 North Record Avenue, Los Angeles 90063

### WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed East Los Angeles New High School No. 2 site. This workplan addresses the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 2,601 cubic yards (3,901 tons) of soil from the site. The proposed 10.91-acre school site is bordered by Hammel Street to the north, Brannick Avenue to the west, E. Cesar E. Chavez Avenue and Dozier Street to the south, and Marianna and off-site adjacent residential properties to the east. During the site investigation, metals were detected in shallow soils at three localized areas in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Approximately 2,347 cubic yards of arsenic-impacted soil were identified at 4240 Hammel Street (L.A. Conservation Corps) at depths from two to three feet below ground surface. Approximately 234 cubic yards of lead-impacted soil were identified at 4153 E. Cesar E. Chavez Avenue (La Princesita Market) at depths from one to two feet below ground surface and approximately 20 cubic yards from lead-based paint residue identified in landscaped planters at Hammel Elementary School. Therefore, LAUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soils and transport them to permitted off-site disposal facilities. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed mitigation during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on June 17 and ends on July 18, 2005. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be given at the public meeting or submitted in writing to Ms. Laura Zaremba, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by **July 18 2005**. The public meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 29, 2005, at the Belvedere Middle School Auditorium, 312 N. Record Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 90063.

### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Anthony Quinn Public Library, 3965 E. Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles; Hammel Elementary School, 438 N. Brannick Avenue; and at [www.laschools.org](http://www.laschools.org). Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

### CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Jesus Cruz, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2875 or email: [jcruz@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jcruz@dtsc.ca.gov); or Ms. Laura Zaremba, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2183 or email: [lzaremba@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:lzaremba@dtsc.ca.gov).

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el: Sr. Jesús Cruz, Especialista en Participación Pública del DTSC, al (818) 551-2875.*